

PROJECT STATUS REPORT				REPORTING PERIOD 1 - 31 August 1954	
1. CRYPTONYM		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH		3. COUNTRY	
a. Program ORBOWER	b. Project ORCROOND	EE/A		Target Austria	Base Austria
4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED		a. Program 7 Aug 53			
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO. 2309 K	EXTENSION 8392	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	
6. TYPE OF PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> FI <input type="checkbox"/> PP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT					
7. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING					
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE		10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE	
U.S. - - - - -	O'S 6	U.S. 1	FT 54 - \$11,000	FT 54 - \$27,098.85	
FOREIGN NAT'L - - - - -	60		FT 55 - 13,000	FT 55 - 5,050.00	
TOTAL	66	1	\$	\$	
11. Summary					
<p>(A) <u>Mission</u>: To develop and strengthen the Austrian paramilitary program along the following lines: to develop the existing and potential paramilitary assets of 1) a labor union having assets situated throughout Central and Eastern Austria, 2) detached indigenous groups in the Salzburg-Tirol areas, and 3) individual, indigenous assets located throughout Austria; to select and cache-equip suitable operational bases from which these groups may operate during hostilities; to establish an Evasion and Escape line from Eastern to Western Austria with feeder lines from the Czech and Hungarian borders and connecting links to the Italian, Swiss, Liechtenstein and German borders.</p> <p>(B) <u>Plan</u>: To spot and recruit sufficient personnel to build the nucleus and skeletal groups needed to achieve final peacetime development of the objectives as outlined in (A) Mission; to spot and earmark for emergency recruitment those remaining personnel needed to activate the paramilitary program at full strength in the event of hostilities.</p> <p>(C) <u>Summary</u>:</p> <p>(1) <u>Evasion and Escape</u>: Assessment of a prospective new Principal Agent for the western segment of the EE line is to be carried out this fall by the present Principal Agent. If assessment is favorable and recruitment successful, the present Principal Agent will be terminated. The reason for this change-over is the inability of the present Principal Agent to spend more than eight to ten weeks a year in the area, due to his other commitments in the US.</p> <p>(2) <u>Caching</u>: Recent meetings in the US with the above-mentioned Principal Agent and his Deputy P/A have resulted in a determination to recover 2 caches in western Austria as soon as possible, perhaps this fall. Upon recovery, these caches will be inspected, revised for more specific EE use, and possibly be re-emplaced in more secure locations. This recovery is being accomplished for both security and operational-need reasons.</p> <p>This summer's caching program commenced in July and is progressing favorably. Proper ammunition for the silenced pistols was obtained from Headquarters and these pistols and ammo are now being entered in the remaining caches.</p> <p>(3) <u>Guerrilla Warfare and Resistance</u>: The intensive eleven-day training program in Unconventional Warfare for six ORDAOER potential resistance leaders has been completed successfully. A complete report on the program will be forthcoming after the Headquarters training officer who conducted the training returns to Headquarters on 7 September.</p>					

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The new case officer for the ORLAUNCH FM organization is attempting to confine his work to planning, surveying of operational areas and targets, and spotting of potential FM types; all in accord with established policy regarding ORLAUNCH.

ORLAUNCH 1 has assumed a new position in Munich, a situation which will allow him more free time and, therefore, more time for operational work. The new case officer anticipates that this change in ORLAUNCH's position and situation may result in some operational difficulties in the future, which, however, will be watched closely.

ORLAUNCH 2 has been instructed to continue his spotting activities, particularly among students of mountain-climbing, whom he will be instructing this fall.

- (D) Effectiveness: No change.
- (E) Methods and Standards: No change.
- (F) FP Assets: Not applicable.

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